

'Go Change the World'

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BIG IDEA

Is Jesus worth it? Is Jesus worth all of you all of the time? How you answer that question will determine not only how you live, but it will determine your ability to impact and influence those around with the message and mission of Jesus. Thankfully, there were a handful of men and women two-thousand years ago that said yes, Jesus is worth it. They were faithful with the message and the mission that Jesus entrusted to them and consequently, the message and mission of Jesus is bearing fruit all over the world.

QUESTIONS

Engaging the Head::

- As you consider the first disciples, what are some things that we can learn from them that would help our impact and influence on the world around us? Specifically, consider the initial invitation from Jesus in [Matthew 4:18-22](#), along with the mission that He entrusted to them ([Matthew 28:18-20](#)).
- Consider the following quote by Francis Chan – *“That’s the whole point of being a disciple of Jesus: we imitate Him, carry on His ministry, and become like Him in the process. Yet somehow many have come to believe that a person can be a “Christian” without being like Christ.”* If being a Christian means being like Christ, then is it possible to be a Christian and not become like Christ? What are some things that hinder Christians, specifically you from growing in Christ-likeness?

Engaging the Heart::

- If asked by a non-Christian why Jesus is worth all of you all of the time, what would you say? How would you articulate the ‘worth’ of Jesus to those who don’t know Jesus? Consider the Apostle Paul in **Acts 20:24** – *“But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.”* Why was Paul able to declare – ‘my life is worth nothing to me?’ What was it for Paul that enabled him to declare ‘my life is not worth nothing to me...?’ Are there things that you’re heart clings to that is preventing you from saying what the Apostle Paul declared? If yes, what are they?

Engaging the Hands::

- What does it mean to be a ‘disciple maker?’ Are you re you making disciples? If not, why not? What are some of the things that hold you back from being a ‘disciple maker?’ What are some ways in which you can grow as a ‘disciple maker?’
- One of the ways that early Christians made a difference in the world around them was by loving ALL people. Consider what Roman Emperor Julian said of the early Christians – *“Christian faith has been specially advanced through the loving service tendered to strangers, and through their care for the burial of the dead. It is a scandal there is not a single Jew who is a beggar, and that the godless Galileans care not only for their own poor but for ours as well...”* What are some practical ways in which you can begin to love those in your own Community Group? What needs might you be able to start meeting that would demonstrate to those around you that you are a disciple of Jesus ([John 13:34-35](#))?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Sunday** – Join us this Sunday, February 3rd as we begin our new series in Acts. First up: The Journey Begins...
- **Super Bowl Parties** – rather than just having one Super Bowl Party, GENESIS will be having many! Each Community Group will be hosting a Super Bowl Party this Sunday, February 3rd. To attend the party closest to you, visit the GENESIS Website:: www.genesisjourney.com/communitygroups
- **the WELL – an evening of prayer & worship** – Join others from the GENESIS Community on Friday, February 8th for an evening of prayer & worship. The WELL begins at 8PM and ends by 9:30PM.